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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. Specification [Total Pages 8]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 2]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 1]
 - a. Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) name in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
 - c. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

Attorney Docket No.	
First Inventor	James A. Kerins
Title	Vertical Flex Hitch
Express Mail Label No.	

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7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
 - a. Computer Reader Form (CRF)
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 - ii. Paper
 - c. Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of (when there is an assignee) Attorney
11. English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1499 Copies of IDS Citations
13. Preliminary Amendment
14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
16. Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. Other:

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.:

Prior application information: Examiner _____ Art Unit: _____
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FEE TRANSMITTAL

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Application Number	
Filing Date	
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Examiner Name	
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Attorney Docket No.	

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001 750	2001 375	Utility filing fee	375
1002 330	2002 165	Design filing fee	
1003 520	2003 260	Plant filing fee	
1004 750	2004 375	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 375)			

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Extra Claims		Fee from below	Fee Paid
	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent		
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	-3** = <input type="text"/>	X <input type="text"/> = <input type="text"/>		

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 280	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 84	2204 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 0)		

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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130	2051 65	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 410	2252 205	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 930	2253 465	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,450	2254 725	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 1,970	2255 985	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 320	2401 160	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402 320	2402 160	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 280	2403 140	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,300	2453 650	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,300	2501 650	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 470	2502 235	2502	235	Design issue fee	
1503 630	2503 315	2503	315	Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180	1806 180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 750	2809 375	2809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 750	2810 375	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 750	2801 375	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802 900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

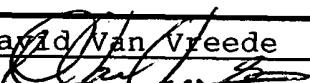
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